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TO AMEMBASSY LIMA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR DISPUTE WITH PERU

REF: LIMA 2465

DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED PRESIDENT STAY CAB'S PART 213
LETTER. TEXT OF LETTER WE HAVE RECOMMENDED PRESIDENT SEND
TO CAB (WHICH WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC ABOUT MARCH 31 OR
APRIL 1) IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. I HAVE REVIEWED THE BOARD'S PROPOSED ORDER IN THE
MATTER OF THE EXISTING SCHEDULES OF AEROPERU (EMPRESA DE
TRANSPORTES AERO DEL PERU) IN DOCKET 27158. I AM NOT
OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED ACTION IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY.
ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU, AND I DESIRE THAT AN ADDITIONAL,
LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME BE PROVIDED TO DETERMINE WHETHER
SUCH A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE.

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ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE DECIDED TO STAY THE BOARD'S PROPOSED ORDER FOR THE TIME BEING. I WILL REVIEW THIS DECISION IF THERE IS NOT EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. UNQUOTE.

2. RE RESUMPTION NEGOTIATIONS, BRANIFF IS QUITE RELUCTANT TO RESUME AIRLINE TALKS IN ABSENCE EVIDENCE THAT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE. WHILE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES GOP HAS MADE POSITIVE OVERTURES AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT RESPOND IN A NEGATIVE FASHION, FACT REMAINS THAT WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOP OR AEROPERU HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A FLEXIBLE POSITION IN ANY NEW TALKS. SPECIFICALLY, GOP HAS NOT ANSWERED US PAPER. ACCORDINGLY, AFTER REITERATING U.S. ALSO FAVORS FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS (AND WITHOUT ESTABLISHING AN EXPLICIT PRECONDITION TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS), DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PAST TALKS HAVE FOUNDERED BECAUSE ADEQUATE PRIOR FOUNDATIONS WERE NOT LAID AND THAT, THEREFORE, U.S. URGES GOP TO RESPOND TO US PAPER ASAP. PENDING REACTION TO SUCH APPROACH, WE BELIEVE WEAND BRANIFF SHOULD HOLD OFF ACCEPTING SPECIFIC DATE FOR FURTHER AIRLINE TALKS.

3. AMBASSADOR ARCE HAS ASKED SEE HARDING LAWRENCE AND SUCH MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO ASKED SEE UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, AND SUCH MEETING SCHEDULED MONDAY MARCH 31. KISSINGER

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